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FOR GARRISON FROM MATLOCK

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. FOR LEN WILLEMS: RE MOSCOW 7368 - "VISAS, SOVIET IN TRANSIT FROM COLOMBIA." WE HAVE RECEIVED REQUEST FROM MFA CONSULAR ADMINISTRATION TO BREAK WITH THREE WEEK RULE ON ISSUANCE OF TRANSIT VISAS TO ALLOW ISSUANCE OF TRANSIT VISAS TO THIS DELEGATION PRIOR TO APRIL 24 ETD FROM MOSCOW. WE HAVE TOLD MFA THAT WE BELIEVE THAT DELEGATION WOULD HAVE TO APPLY FOR VISAS IN BOGOTA, BUT GREBANOV OF MFA MADE STRONG PITCH CONCERNING THE "HIGH RANK" OF THE PERSONNEL INVOLVED. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SOVEMBASSY WILL MAKE PITCH AT YOUR END, BUT WE SEE NO REASON TO YIELD ON THIS ONE, PARTICULARLY SINCE MFA HAS OUR QUID-PRO-QUO OFFER TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM.

2. FOR MCCALL FROM PORTER: I HAVE HEARD FROM DAVE SWARTZ THAT HE WILL NOT BE COMING OUT FOR THE 4TH OF JULY, BUT POSSIBLY A WEEK LATER. I AM CONVINCED COHOSTING THE 4TH WILL BE AN EXCEPTIONALLY EFFECTIVE WAY FOR HIM TO GET STARTED HERE. I AM WILLING TO STAY ON THROUGH THE FOURTH, BUT NOT LONGER. MY TRANSFER ELEGIBILITY DATE IS JUNE 28.
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PLEASE TAKE THIS UP WITH DAVID AND SEE IF YOU CAN BRING HIM AROUND. PERHAPS HE CAN COME OUT AHEAD OF HIS FAMILY.

3. FOR LEVITSKY FROM PORTER: BEFORE I ASK ANOTHER FAVOR, I WANT TO THANK YOU AND YOUR STAFF FOR ASSISTANCE TO WILL AND ANDY WHO ARRIVED HERE IN GOOD SHAPE AND HAD A PLEASANT VISIT FROM WHICH WE ARE RECOVERING. CHRISTOPHER NOW PLANS

TO COME OUT TO KIEV AT THE END OF MAY FOR A VISIT. HIS PASSPORT APPLICATION WAS SENT IN, BUT HE RECEIVED A SERVICE PASSPORT INSTEAD OF DIPLOMATIC. PLEASE STRAIGHTEN HIM OUT. I WILL ASK HIM TO CALL YOU. MANY THANKS AGAIN.

4. FOR MCCALL FROM PORTER: APPRECIATE YOUR SUGGESTION RE DOD/ISA JOB. PLEASE DO LOOK INTO IT AND ANY OTHER OPTIONS YOU SEE. EDWINSTER OF PER HAS NOT CONTACTED ME, BUT HE SHOULD BE LOOKING AFTER POSSIBILITIES. IN A TELEPHONE CALL TWO WEEKS AGO HE TOLD ME EUR NON-SOVIET JOBS WERE JUST ABOUT ALL SOLD. HE MENTIONED ROMANIAN DESK, BUT AT THAT TIME, I WAS STILL HOPEFUL SOMETHING WESTERN WOULD MATERIALIZE. IS THIS STILL OPEN? APPRECIATE YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS.

5. DURING THE CODEL PRICE VISIT CONGRESSWOMAN HOLT ASKED BILL BROWN TO TRANSMIT A BIBLE TO SHCHARANSKIY ON BEHALF OF CONGRESSMAN JOHN CUNNINGHAM. WE DULY SENT THE BIBLE TO THE USA DIVISION OF THE MFA, WITH A BRIEF COVERING LETTER EXPLAINING THAT WE WERE TRANSMITTING THE BIBLE AT CUNNINGHAM'S REQUEST. A FEW DAYS LATER, ON APRIL 7, THE USA DIVISION SENT THE BIBLE BACK WITH NO COVERING NOTE OR LETTER. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR INFORMING CONGRESSWOMAN OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS. TOON

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